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## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

### "WHO WILL KEEP THE PUBLIC HEALTHY?"



The Institute of Medicine (IOM) publicly released its landmark report of the Committee on Educating Public Health Professionals for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century on November 4<sup>th</sup> at The Academy for Educational Development

Conference Center in Washington, D.C. The study focused on assessing the past and current state of education and training for public health professionals, identifying future practice needs, and developing a framework for future public health professional education. The report notes the significant contribution public health research plays in improving the public's health.

The committee deliberated on the following questions:

1. What is the current status of training, curricula, and research efforts at accredited schools of public health?

2. How has public health education evolved over time?

3. What progress has been made in responding to the recommendations posed in the 1988 IOM report, *Future of Public Health*?

4. What does a systematic review of the capabilities of schools of public health reveal with respect to their capacity to educate and train a workforce that will meet the future needs for assuring population health?

5. Are the board research agendas of schools of public health in line with future needs to assure the health of the public?

6. What role can national institutions and resources play in supporting a well-trained public health workforce?

7. What recommendations can be made to improve public health education, training, research, and leadership?

The report outlines the importance of building a more effective and accountable public health system. It notes the progress that has been made in several areas, including defining and gaining broad acceptance of the ten essential public health services and the development of a national plan to strengthen our nation's public health infrastructure.

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## Institute of Medicine

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National Association of Local Boards of Health, (NALBOH), has been involved in many of the activities noted in the IOM Report that have contributed to advancing in the field, including participation in the public health expenditures study, the National Public Health Performance Standards Program, and the Council on Linkages between Academia and Public Health Practice. Major recommendations in the report include:



- \* Consistent standards for public health systems and professionals;
  - \* Guidance on competencies in graduate public health education;
  - \* Significant increases in public health research support;
  - \* Greater focus on community-based research;
  - \* Increased academic/practice/community partnerships;
  - \* Voluntary certification using an ecological approach to public health for new MPH graduates.
- For more information, access the IOM report by visiting:

<http://www.nap.edu/books/030908542X/html/>

## NewsBrief

### Kansas Phase 1 Pre-Event Smallpox Vaccination Program

*By Susan Morris  
Hospital Bioterrorism Program Manager*

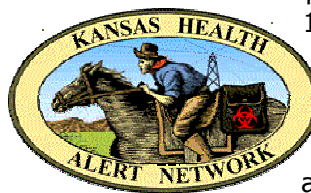


The first smallpox vaccinations in Kansas in more than three decades were administered to ten Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KHDE) employees in Topeka on February 7, 2003. Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino, State Epidemiologist, was the first Kansan to receive the smallpox vaccine. Pezzino is also the state's bioterrorism medical director and will be part of the Kansas Smallpox Rapid Response Team if an actual case of smallpox appears in the state. This first phase of the Kansas Smallpox Vaccination Program is being implemented as part of a federal plan announced by President Bush in December. Beginning the week of February 24, additional state health department employees who volunteered will be vaccinated along with local health department

and hospital workers who also volunteered to participate.

A population-based approach was used to identify pre-select hospitals and public health departments to participate for the Kansas implementation of the national in the Phase 1 smallpox vaccination program process. Health departments and hospitals in counties, which have a city of at least 10,000 persons, were invited to participate in the process. Initially 4,400 individuals meeting CDC/ACIP occupational criteria have been initially were tentatively identified as vaccination candidates; to receive the vaccine, however, this number has been reduced significantly by medical deferrals and other factors.

One of the purposes of the program is to prepare state and local public health response teams. The KDHE response team is comprised of



15 staff members needed for a rapid response to a suspect or known case of smallpox whose work in that regard will put them at significant risk of smallpox infection, and includes physicians, dentists, epidemiologists, and laboratorians. All will be volunteers. Local public health response teams are comprised of volunteer local public health staff (e.g., nurses, epidemiologists) who will be needed for effective investigation and management of a known or suspect case of smallpox, and whose work in that regard could put them at significant risk of smallpox infection. It is expected that these teams will range in size from 3 to 10 individuals. Another purpose of the program is to create local hospital response teams who would care for a patient with smallpox for the first 24 to 48 hours. The local hospital response teams are comprised of volunteer individuals from 28 community hospitals and 3 Veteran's Affairs hospitals who could be significantly exposed to smallpox infection during provision of medical care at their hospital for a known or suspected case of smallpox. The teams are expected to range in size from 5 to 65, depending on the size and organizational structure of the hospital, with the average number of the team members being 30.

Training for hospital and local health department subject matter experts, educators and administrative officials has been conducted at 6 sites. The training covered: candidate selection, medical screening and contraindications, wound site care, and follow-up procedures for adverse events. The vaccination clinics are scheduled to be conducted at 7 sites throughout Kansas. The clinics will occur in two cycles three weeks apart. Clinic

sites were selected so that travel for vaccinees was kept to a minimum (less than 2 hours each way) and vaccine supplies are used appropriately.

Copies of the pre-event Phase 1 Vaccination plan are publicly available on the KDHE Health Alert Network website at

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/han/index.html>. Copies of post-event implementation plans, entitled "Guidelines for Management of a Suspect Case of Smallpox in Acute Medical Care Settings" are available on the KDHE Health Alert Network website at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/han/bioterror.html>.

### **Kansas Hospital Bioterrorism Program**

*by Susan Morris*

*Hospital Bioterrorism Program Manager*

The Kansas Hospital Bioterrorism Program is funded through a Health and Human Services Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)



grant. This year the grant is \$1.29 million and the fiscal year end is August 31, 2003. Approximately \$945,000 of the program funds are to go directly to hospitals for the regional planning process. In Kansas there are 128 Community Hospitals and 57 of those hospitals are critical access hospitals, which have less than fifteen beds. To facilitate the planning process the state has been divided into six bioterrorism preparedness regions. The regions are



identical to the regions used by the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Trauma Program. Although the regions vary widely in the number of counties, number of hospitals and number of staffed hospital beds, facilities are comfortable working within these regions and have already begun to form mutual aid

agreements with regard to bioterrorism preparedness within these boundaries. Contracts are being negotiated with one hospital in each region to serve as the Regional Planning Hospital. Funding ranging from approximately \$100,000 to \$280,000 will be given to each of these six facilities for regional planning activities and facilitation of technical assistance for hospitals within the region. Each regional plan will address the seven HRSA priority areas including: medicines and vaccines; personal protective equipment, quarantine and decontamination; communications; biological disaster drills; personnel; training; and patient transfer. A significant portion of the regional plan will be devoted to a plan for caring for a surge of 500 acutely ill patients. The contact for the

program is Susan Morris, Hospital Bioterrorism Program Manager and can be reached at (785) 296-5201.

### **SURVEY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION WORKFORCE**



The Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors-with partial support from the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) - conducted a census of the public health workforce to determine where and how nutrition education resources should be devoted to help empower nutritionists to carry out the goals of Healthy People 2010, the government's current public health agenda. The report's major findings include: The majority of public health nutrition workers are government employees; WIC is the primary funding source for the public health nutrition workforce; more than two-thirds (69.2 percent) of the public health nutrition positions are classified as professional, and 30.7 percent are classified as paraprofessional/other; public health nutrition workers constitute a very experienced workforce; the proportion of RDs and registered dietetic technicians in the public health nutrition workforce did not increase between 1994 and 1999; and the public health nutrition workforce is ethnically diverse but seemingly less so than WIC participants. Download the full report at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/oane/MENU/Published/WIC/WIC.HTM#PublicHealth>.



## *Public Health Personnel Update*

**Jeanie Beason** - Chautauqua County Health Department's new administrator started working on December 23, 2002. Jeanie has worked at the health department for 14½ years.

**Rita Davenport** - Perinatal Health Consultant, resigned and will be leaving KDHE as of March 7, 2003. Rita has taken a position as a Nurse Educator for St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. Children and Families Section will miss her and we wish her the best in her new job.

**Yvonne Gibbons** - Yvonne was appointed as interim director of Salina-Saline County Health Department in December 2002. She began working at the health department as a home health nurse in 1974. In the early 80's she became the Personal Health Supervisor. Yvonne is currently working on her MPH through WSU. She is married and has five children.

**Linda McNown** - Chautauqua County Health Department's new assistant administrator. Linda started their new positions on December 23, 2002 and has worked for the health department for 7½ years.

**Nkolika Obiesie** - DVM, MPH is joining the Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention as an epidemiologist serving the Bioterrorism Program. She will be a part of the Epidemiologic Services Section and will work out of the Wyandotte County Health Department in Kansas City. Nkolika has served as an epidemiologist in the Cancer Control Program within the KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion. She worked as a veterinarian in Nigeria before moving to the U.S. Nkolika brings with her a great deal of analytical and epidemiologic expertise, and will be a definite asset to our team.

**Shirley Organ** - Administrator at the Rawlins County Health Department for 18 years will retire, effective March 1, 2003. Shirley has been a role model for the NW area health department administrators. A reception was held for her at the NW Regional Administrators meeting on 2/13/03. Thank you for your years of service to public health, Shirley. We all wish you the best!



**Pritpal Singh, MD** - Lyon County Health Department's new Health Officer is glad to be back in Kansas. Born in India Dr. Singh moved to the United States with his family when he was 11 years old. He received his undergraduate at the University of Kansas in 1995 and completed his doctorate in 1999 in Kansas City, MO from the University of Health Sciences. He has been with the Lyon County Health Department since August 2002.

## Regional Public Health Meetings

**Northeast:** Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every quarter at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm.

March 13, 2003

June 12, 2003

September 11, 2003

December 11, 2003

**North Central:** Meetings are scheduled from 10am-3pm.

April 22, 2003 - Washington County Health Department, Washington

June 24, 2003 - Smith County Health Department, Smith Center

August 26, 2003 - Republic County Health Department, Belleville

October 28, 2003 - Jewell County Health Department, Mankato

December 9, 2003 - Salina

**Northwest:** Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday every other month from 10am-3pm at the NW Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley.

April 17, 2003

June 12, 2003

August 14, 2003

October 9, 2003

December 11, 2003

**Southwest:** Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2003 at the Ford County Health Department in Dodge City, from 9am-3pm. Additional dates to follow.

**Central KS:** Meetings are usually held the 4th Wednesday of the odd months at the Reno County Health Department in Hutchinson from 10am-3pm.

March 27, 2003

May 28, 2003

July 23, 2003

September 24, 2003

November (to be announced)

**South Central Coalition:** Meetings are usually held the 1st Friday of every other month from 9am-3pm at the Ambulance Barn in Pratt.

March 14, 2003

July 11, 2003

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**Southeast:** Meetings are usually held the 1st Thursday of every 3rd month at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, in Chanute from 10am-3pm.

May 8, 2003

August 7, 2003

November 6, 2003

## Around the State



### Lead Hazard Risk Assessing

The Lyon County Health Department currently has a certified Lead-Based Paint Inspector and Lead Hazard Risk Assessor. Kenna Privat with Lyon County Environmental Health has been certified to conduct these tasks since February of 2002. Lyon County Health Department does these inspections on contract for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Because funding is provided by a grant through KDHE, inspection and assessment can only be done for children 6 years or below that have blood lead levels 10ug/dl or greater. Lead level screenings are taken on request or during W.I.C. check ups, Kan-Be Healthy Screenings and Well Child Screenings. There are certified and licensed individuals that provide private homes with the inspection and assessment service.

### Regional Emergency Preparedness Bioterrorism Coordinator

Lougene Marsh, Director, Lyon County Health Department, recently announced the appointment of Jerry Pittsenbarger to the position of Regional Emergency Preparedness Bioterrorism Coordinator. Marsh stated, "This new position is the first one in the state to be filled, I believe. There is a great deal of work to be accomplished and we are anxious to move forward. Hiring Jerry is an important first step." This position will work with Lyon and its six contiguous counties: Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Morris, Osage, and Wabaunsee. Her responsibilities will include strengthening the individual and collective capacities of all six health departments to respond to public health emergencies and working with emergency and health care partners to integrate them as needed into a public health response.

Jerry joined the Lyon County team February 17, 2003. She has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas. Most

recently Jerry worked for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention. Past experience includes a stint in other state bureaus to include: childcare licensing, health care facilities and the prison system at the Reception and Diagnostic Unit. Jerry admits that one of her favorite work experiences was four years with Toys "R" Us/Babies "R" Us. In the capacity of corporate field trainer, she traveled coast-to-coast weekly training retail personnel for their work in new stores.

## SALINA-SALINE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Salina/Saline County Health Department is seeking an Executive Director. The successful candidate will direct all aspects of the Health Departments operations and reports to an 11-member board. Function as Health Officer with assistance of medical advisor. Full time staff of 60. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree in a health care field or related field and at least 5 years of progressively responsible management experience in a complex organization with at least 3 years experience in public health. Experience working with a public board with responsibility for a public health function is desirable. Ability in grant administration, strategic planning experience, strong organizational and communication skills required. Salary \$54,888 - \$77,268 plus excellent benefits. Applications are accepted at Human Resources Department, 300 West Ash, Room 200, PO Box 736, Salina, KS 67402-0736. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. March 13, 2003. Resume may be included with completed application form. Application form and additional information available from City of Salina Web Site <http://www.ci.salina.ks.us> or call (785) 309-5710. Fax: (785) 309-5711. EOE/Drug-Free Workplace

## NEWS CAPS



### From the CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued new Handwashing Guidelines for health care settings that incorporates recent findings on the effectiveness of alcohol-based rinse-free solutions. Go to <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5116.pdf> for the guidelines.

## OVERBURDENED NURSES MEAN MORE PATIENT DEATHS – DECREASING NURSES' WORKLOADS SAVES LIVES AND RETAINS HOSPITAL RNs

The National Institute Of Nursing Research

*American Journal of Nursing January 2003*



Amid rampant reports of a worsening nursing shortage and alarming predictions of the future of health care, a new study shows that adequate nurse staffing has a clear and positive effect on patient outcomes and on nurse retention.

Nurse researchers from the University of Pennsylvania surveyed 10,184 staff nurses at 168 hospitals in Pennsylvania and studied the outcomes for 232,342 patients who underwent general, orthopedic, or vascular surgery at these hospitals. Fifty percent of the hospitals had patient-nurse ratios of 5:1 or lower.

Results showed that for every patient added to the average nurse's workload, the odds of patient death within 30 days of admission increased by 7%. For patients experiencing such complications as aspiration pneumonia or shock, the likelihood of dying within 30 days of admission was even higher as the patient-nurse ratio increased. Additionally, 43% of the nurses had high burnout levels, were dissatisfied with their jobs, and intended to leave their current jobs within 12 months.

The researchers suggest that the 1999 California legislation mandating maximum patient-nurse ratios of 6:1 (scheduled to take effect in July 2003) may be a good model for other states to follow. Such legislation would not only decrease patient mortality, it would also improve nurses' job satisfaction and help hospitals retain their nursing staff – something that is sorely needed at a time when nurses are leaving hospitals at an alarmingly high rate.

### Can Marriage Make You Sicker???

*American Journal of Nursing January 2003*

A recent study of 8,386 married couples; published in the British Medical Journal, found that participants whose partners had asthma, depression, or peptic ulcer disease had a 70% greater risk of developing the same disease.

**BMJ**

Other illnesses likely to replicate themselves in partners are hypertension and hyperlipidemia. Shared environments and activities are thought to be the cause.

NOW HEAR THIS . . . . .

EAR TEMPS IN CHILDREN

FOUND TO BE INACCURATE

*American Journal of Nursing January 2003*

About 65% of American family practice physicians and pediatricians use infrared ear thermometry to take children's temperatures, despite the long-standing controversy over whether ear temperatures accurately reflect a child's febrile state. Because therapy and even hospital admission can be guided by the child's temperature, accuracy is crucial; it's even more so in neonates and immunocompromised children. British researchers performed a metaanalysis of 31 comparison studies involving a total of 4,441 children to look for differences between rectal and ear temperature readings.



Their analysis revealed a low rate of agreement between infrared ear thermometry and rectal temperature reading; variations in readings showed both underreporting and over reporting of fever. The researchers concluded that infrared ear thermometry should not be used even as an approximation of rectal temperature (which has been determined to reflect core temperature accurately), especially when a precise reading is critical to treatment decisions.

## MIDDLE CLASS JOINING RANKS OF UNINSURED NACCHO News

*Public Health Dispatch January 2003*

The portrait of the uninsured is changing, according to articles featured in the **New York Times**

(Nov. 25) and **USA Today**



(Nov. 22). Recent Census Bureau figures indicate that the largest group of the newly uninsured are those 800,000 people with incomes exceeding \$75,000 who either lost their jobs or were "priced out of the health care market by rapidly rising insurance premiums," the **Times** reports. Overall, 30 million Americans in working families lack health care coverage, according to the Center for Studying Health System Change, a

nonprofit research group financed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For more information visit

<http://coveringtheuninsured.org/news/index.php?Previous=87>.

### COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK in KANSAS

In Kansas, almost 245,000 residents live without health insurance. Lacking this coverage, they may find no other option than the emergency room as their primary source of health care. Uninsured people are more likely to go without prenatal care, well-child care, preventive services and important screenings for cancer and heart disease. They often delay necessary medical or dental treatment and live, sometimes in pain, with untreated illness. Even when the need for care becomes critical the choice is either to go into debt or to go without. Health care bills are cited as the primary reason for one-half of all personal bankruptcy filings.

With these concerns in mind, the "Cover the Uninsured Week" project is an unprecedented nationwide public awareness campaign beginning with a televised press conference in Washington, D.C. on March 5, 2003. Events will take place from coast-to-coast beginning Monday, March 10 and ending Sunday, March 16, 2003. Governor Sebelius has proclaimed the week of March 10-16, 2003 as *Cover the Uninsured Week* in Kansas.

Information about contacting local media with your concerns can be obtained along with other information and activities related to Cover the Uninsured Week are available on the internet at: [www.CoverTheUninsuredWeek.org](http://www.CoverTheUninsuredWeek.org).

### Mental Health Commission Report



PRESIDENT'S NEW FREEDOM

COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

[www.MentalHealthCommission.gov](http://www.MentalHealthCommission.gov)

An interim report issued by the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health addresses the inadequacies of the U.S. mental health care system. According to the report, half of the people who need mental health services do not receive them due to barriers that limit access to care. Examples of these barriers include a fragmented child and adult mental health system; high unemployment and disability for people with serious mental illness; a lack of care for older adults with mental illness and inadequate national attention to mental illness and suicide. The report is available at

[www.mentalhealthcommission.gov/reports/reports.htm](http://www.mentalhealthcommission.gov/reports/reports.htm) or call (866) 326-4563 for more information.

### TWO NEW CULTURAL COMPETENCE GUIDES FOR MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS AVAILABLE

 Two new resource guides, "Providing Oral Linguistic Services" and "Planning Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services" were recently commissioned by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and produced by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). These guides are designed to help managed care organizations implement culturally and linguistically competent services and interventions. To download the guides, go to <http://www.cms.gov/healthplans/quality/project03.asp>

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & AWARDS

#### M·A·C AIDS FUND

The MAC AIDS Fund accepts applications year-round for funding in a number of HIV/AIDS related program areas. Established in 1994 by MAC Cosmetics, the MAC AIDS Fund supports men, women and children affected by AIDS globally, having provided \$25 million to date for the MAC AIDS fund. Grant Categories include Basic Needs Grants, Education, Prevention and Awareness Grants, Direct Service Grants, Event Sponsorship, and Special Needs. For inquiries or questions, contact MAC at (866) 244-2356, [macaidsfund@maccosmetics.com](mailto:macaidsfund@maccosmetics.com) or visit [www.macaidsfund.org](http://www.macaidsfund.org).

### Grants to Community Advocates Working on Chronic Disease

Trust for America's Health (TFAH) offers a Community Health Grants Program



designed to help community leaders become stronger public health advocates. TFAH will award grants throughout the coming year, ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000 to community groups across the nation who are organized around a chronic disease cluster, or working to establish or

improve health tracking of chronic diseases. Specifically, grants are being awarded for two functions: capacity building, to help strengthen grantees' management and operational skills; and technical assistance, to enhance the organization's programs and services. Visit [www.healthyamericans.org/forum](http://www.healthyamericans.org/forum) or contact Lois Banks at (202) 223-9870 for more information.

### Departing Thanks

It has been an honor to work with the public health community throughout my tenure as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. I have made it my goal to try to improve the health of Kansas citizens and I believe together we made some positive achievements as we built a partnership and worked toward the same goal. As you look forward to the work ahead, I hope the foundations we were able to build will be beneficial and helpful as you carry on so many necessary projects for our state.

I learned so well that the work of public health is truly important, and it takes many partners to make it successful on a state level. I want to extend my very sincere appreciation for the friendship, the support you have given me, and the work you have done to make our state a healthier place to live and work.

Clyde Graeber



## GENERAL WORKSHOPS

### HIPAA PRIVACY AND SECURITY AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND "HANDBOOK" FOR KANSAS LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

*by Debbie Nickels, RN,C  
KALHD HIPAA Project Manager*



Martie Ross from Foulston-Siefkin has consented to a *third* HIPAA education session. HIPAA Privacy and Security – An Implementation Plan and "Handbook" for Kansas Local Health Departments will be held on Friday, March 7, 2003 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Wichita at the Bank of America Auditorium, Lower Level. Directions to the Bank of American at Douglas and Broadway,

Downtown Wichita are as follows: Take the Central Business District exit of US 54 (Kellogg), and head north on Broadway to Douglas. There is a parking garage for the building on the west side of Broadway just passed the Douglas and Broadway intersection. The building is on the east side of Broadway.

The updated agenda and modified presentation is designed to meet your current needs. All counties are welcome to attend. There were at least 23 single/group counties who did not attend the training in January. Even if you attended in January, hearing Martie and discussing your concerns may assist in your final work product.

Email your intent to attend the training and number of persons to: [nickelsfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:nickelsfarms@yahoo.com)

### Medical Interpreter Training

#### The next project period:

**Topeka**, March 20-21/March 26-28, 2003.

**Garden City**, April 7-8/April 16-18, 2003

**Emporia**, May 12-13/May 16-18, 2003

**Great Bend**, June 2-3/June 11-13, Job Service Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Extension of Barton County Community College, 1025 Main, Great Bend, Kansas.

**Salina**, July 17-18/July 23-25, 2003.

If you have questions or would like an application for the Medical Interpreter Training being presented in your area, please call Gaby Flores at the Jewish Vocational Services, Kansas City, Missouri, at (816) 471-2808, ext 124. For additional questions or concerns, please contact Anita Hodge, KDHE at (785) 368-8110.



### Kansas Emergency Management 2003 Training



**Hazardous Materials Training and Terrorism Incidents for EMS Personnel** - February 27-March 1, 2003, Hoxie (No per diem or lodging reimbursement is available)

**Debris Management** - March 4-5, 2003, Salina  
**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer** - March 11-13, 2003, Topeka

**Multihazard Safety Program for Schools** - March 19-20, 2003, Garden City

**Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts** - March 25-26, 2003, Fort Riley



**Multihazard Safety Program for Schools** - April 1-2, 2003, Wichita

**Emergency Planning Course** - April 8-9, 2003, Dodge City

**Mitigation for Emergency Managers** - April 10, 2003, Dodge City

**Developing Volunteer Resources** - April 29-30, 2003, Manhattan

Additional information on each course can be found at the website

<http://www.ink.org/public/kdem>. Changes and updates to the training schedule will be posted on the website and in the Kansas Emergency Management Newsletter, published quarterly. For an application please call the Training Office at 785-274-1412.

## **\*EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES \***

### **Kansas Board of Nursing**

Training of interest to PH workforce offered by Area Health Education Centers (AHEC's):

Northwest Area: For more information, call 785-628-6128

3/10/03 10am - 3pm "Geriatric Nutrition from A - Z: Creating Positive Outcomes" - Norton

3/25/03 10am - 3pm "Turning Your Distress Into Desserts" - Newton, & 3/26/03 in Belleville

3/26/03 10am - 3pm "Team Strategies" - McCook, NE

3/28/03 10am - 3pm "Women's Health Care Update: Issues in 2003" - Colby

3/31/03 6 - 8pm "Sudden Unexplained Death of Infants and Children" - Russell

Southwest Area: For more information, email Nancy Lucas at: [nlucas@kumc.edu](mailto:nlucas@kumc.edu)

Website: <http://www2.kumc.edu/kuhop/swahec>

03 9am - 4pm "Diabetes Nutrition Across the Lifespan" - Garden City

### **Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks**

#### **Web Casts for March**

See <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn> to view a complete list and register for training and programs. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

Topics for March, 2003 (All listed in Central Time) include:

3/5/03 - Biological & Chemical Warfare & Terrorism  
"Advanced Topics on Medical Defense Against Biological and Chemical Agents" Part 3 of 6 - Topic to be announced

3/6/02 - Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Part 4 of 4

3/11/03 - Hepatitis B & C with HIV Co-infection: A Diagnostic and Treatment Update

3/13/03 - Family Planning Update: The Mirena IUD

3/19/03 - Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

3/20/03 - Partnerships for Promotion of Vegetables and Fruits in Low-Income Communities

3/24/03 - Center for Public Health Preparedness  
Terrorism preparedness: Effecting Local Response from a National Plan

3/28/03 - HIPAA Privacy Rule: Enhancing or Harming the Public's Health?

### **DESKTOP LEARNING – WEBCASTS**

You will need: Real Player, a sound card, and speakers. Web casts are available to view from the PHTN website.

[http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN//calendar.asp#Video\\_Web\\_Streaming](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN//calendar.asp#Video_Web_Streaming)

SELF-STUDY MODULES AVAILABLE NOW AT PHTN:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN//catalog.asp>

TO ORDER TAPES/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT Training:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

### **WEB SITES OF INTEREST:**

#### **SMALLPOX**

To read more on the disease, visit

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox>

To read more on the vaccine:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/facts.asp>

Medical conditions that make pre-vaccination inadvisable:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/contraindications-public.asp>

New training and informational materials for clinicians: <http://www.cdc.gov/smallpox> CDC will be posting the number for the Clinician Information Line, a 24/7 hotline to support the smallpox vaccination program.

Persons interested in participating in an on-going clinical trial can obtain additional information at <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>.

## NURSING EDUCATION

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program. <http://www.ku.edu/schools>.

Washburn PHN Certification Program - e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: [zzdnwl@washburn.edu](mailto:zzdnwl@washburn.edu)

ANA's web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

## OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION ONLINE

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:  
<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Public Health Foundation Training Finder:  
<http://www.trainingfinder.org/search.cgi>

MMWR Continuing Education Program:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://prevmed.kumc.edu/mph>

National Library of Medicine:  
<http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/index.html>

Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center:  
<http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Center for the Study of Bioterrorism – St. Louis University School of Public Health:  
<http://bioterrorism.slu.edu>

CDC Center for Public Health Preparedness:  
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

US Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Training Centers:  
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

CDC Public Health Workforce Development Centers:  
[www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp)

Columbia University School of Nursing Center for Health Policy - Emergency Response: Core Competencies for All Public Health Workers  
<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/nursing/institute-centers/chphsr/ERMain.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice:  
<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

KPHEIL LIBRARY –  
<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/library/listing.html>

Fact Sheets - Over 100 of the fact sheet titles are available to download on specific health and environmental issues.  
<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/health-info>

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